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SUBJ: REFERENCE NEWS COVERAGE OF THE UNITED STATES

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1. SUMMARY: USLO RECENTLY OBTAINED ELEVEN COPIES OF LATE DECEMBER EARLY JANUARY ISSUES OF THE PRC'S RESTRICTED FOREIGN PRESS DIGEST, "REFERENCE NEWS", WHICH PROVIDED DETAILED COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SEVEN NATION TOUR, PRESIDENT CARTER'S JANUARY 12 NEWS CONFERENCE, "OPEN UNIVERSITIES" IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER TOPICS. WHILE SOME OF THE ARTICLES CARRIED COMMENTS CRITICAL OF THE UNITED STATES, "REFERENCE NEWS" COVERAGE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THIS PERIOD WAS DETAILED AND INFORMATIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO HAS OBTAINED THE DECEMBER 23, 31, JANUARY 5, 6,
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7, 9, 11-15 ISSUES OF THE PRC'S RESTRICTED DIGEST OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS, "REFERENCE NEWS" (TS'AN-KAO HSIAO-HSI) WHICH CONTAINS EXCERPTS FROM NUMEROUS WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, (INCLUDING SEVERAL FROM USIS), PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. IN CONTRAST TO THE BLAND COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S NINE DAY TRIP OVERSEAS IN THE OFFICIAL PRC MEDIA,

"REFERENCE NEWS" CARRIED DAY BY DAY COVERAGE, ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY. WHILE MOST OF THE REPORTING WAS FACTUAL, CAPSULIZED ARTICLES ON WESTERN EUROPEAN PRESS CRITICISM WERE ALSO INCLUDED.

3. THESE ISSUES ALSO CARRIED ARTICLES ABOUT SOVIET-AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC COMPETITION, US AGRICULTURE, THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE BUDGET, THE US POSITION ON SOUTH KOREA, UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY, IN GENERAL, AND A JAPANESE REPORT ABOUT "OPEN UNIVERSITIES" IN THE UNITED STATES. THE JANUARY 15 ISSUE CARRIES AS ITS LEAD ARTICLE A USIS REPORT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S JANUARY 12 NEWS CONFERENCE INCLUDING VERBATIM REPLAY OF SEVERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP, US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA AND US OIL IMPORTS.

4. COMMENT: "REFERENCE NEWS" HAS APPARENTLY ALWAYS BEEN GENEROUS IN PROVIDING DETAILS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, BUT THIS SELECTION APPEARS TO BE ESPECIALLY INFORMATIVE ABOUT US FOREIGN POLICY, CARRYING REGULAR REPORTS FROM THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORK TIMES, NEWSWEEK AND US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

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